

RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

Fishing Line Newsletter



Jan 9	Feb 13	Mar 12	Apr 25
May 14	Jun 11	July 9*	Aug 13*
Sep 10*	Oct 8*	Nov 12*	Dec 10*

*Check club emails for meeting updates



Ice, Ice

Baby

Winter's Chill

Brings Hard Water.

Join Us For Virtual Meetings

Join Us! If you haven't been on one of our meetings, your club board provides meetings on-line. Join us on a regular phone! Check club emails for a link to the live meeting. **Don't have a computer? Get in touch with Tony Novak!** Need help? We can get tech support. We will continue to keep member safety as the number one priority. New members can also participate in our on-line meetings. Tell a friend, this is a great way to learn fishing.

2021 Dues, MWO Extended

Current Members – 2021 Memberships: The Riverside Fishing Club Board unanimously agreed to extend the current 2020 memberships into next year until such time as in-person live member meetings resume. Your Board will determine when we would restart membership dues payments and also decide on the amount of dues for the 2021 period. Also the Board agreed to continue current member's Midwest Outdoors Magazine subscriptions, until next year's membership renewals are due. (This is one of our club perks). **No need to renew your memberships at this time** – you are and will be current until further notice via email or phone call.

We wish you and your family a safe and healthy holiday. We hope to see you at our next online meeting until such time as we can meet in person.

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Where Has The Year Gone?

I am writing this at the end of October. On my daily, early morning dog walk around the lake by my house I noticed skim ice for the first time. When I returned home all the annual flowers were dead. What does this have to do with fishing? Winter is coming! By the time you read this it might already be here. There are years when we can ice fish by Thanksgiving or have open water in January. Either way there will be fishing available.

As for myself, I have resigned from the bucket brigade. I have fond memories of sitting on my five gallon bucket jigging for crappies in the trees at Shabbona, only to be pushed off the foot thick ice by below zero temperatures and a whiteout after catching one lone fish. My memory reminds me that I was chilled to the bone and praying the car would start. So now I enjoy watching the younger generation using insulated portable shelters, electric ice augers and electronics that can show a fish fifty feet to the side.

I feel bad for them, missing the joy of frozen feet and sore shoulders from a day of drilling holes with a hand auger.

This will be a strange holiday season. I was at the Board of Directors meeting when they decided to cancel the RFC Christmas party. However the big fish awards will be awarded as normal but the presentations will have to wait. Zoom meetings appear to be the clubs main meeting format. It was decided that a decision on dues will be put off until the new year.

No matter what holidays you celebrate

giving is often involved. Here is a bit of advice, because of COVID-19 the entire supply chain is in chaos! If you haven't already done so, visit your local tackle shop. Your purchases this month from these local stores could determine if they are around next year. There is also a shortage of many fishing tackle items. If you see something you want, buy it now because there is no guarantee it will be there tomorrow.

If I am honest about my current physical state I have to acknowledge some arthritis, a rebuilt back and knee that affects the frequency and amount of time I spend on the water. I think many RFC members have similar issues. The tackle makers seem to be paying attention. Both rods and reels are much lighter and stronger. Even the smallest size reels can have strong, smooth drag systems. These new combinations weigh mere ounces, allowing a full day of fishing with little fatigue. Some of the newest and most successful lure presentations are small crank baits and light jigs. If you listened to Johnny Wilkins you know he uses micro tackle to catch a variety of fish with little physical stress. As an aging angler it's nice to know we can still enjoy a full day of successful fishing.

**Merry Christmas!
Go fishing! Be Safe!**

Dan Carney
Lifetime Member

The Board meets online, virtually and in person using safety protocols.

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